

# BARCLAY ACADEMY

## NEWSLETTER

Friday 8th March 2024



Dear Parents / Carers

I was delighted to be able to accompany the Year 9 and Year 10 Spanish trip to Andalusia this week. It was a wonderful experience for our students to practise their Spanish as well as visit the ancient city of Cordoba, Malaga castle, the Roman amphitheatre and the Picasso museum. My thanks go to Mrs Thomas for leading the trip and to Miss Walsh and Mr Bickerstaff for giving up their time to ensure it was a success.



While I was on the trip, I was pleased to receive texts from Mr Dawe informing me of more victories for our sports teams. Well done to the Year 9 football team for beating Barnwell 1-0 in the semi-final of the District Cup. Well done to the Year 8 basketball team who beat Knights Templar 42-28. Congratulations to everyone involved.

Next week, our Year 12 students are undertaking their work experience placements so I wish them all the very best for what I hope will be an interesting and enjoyable time.

Hopefully, the weather will be getting warmer but I must remind you that students must not bring hoodies to school. I noticed a few more creeping in while I was on the gate this morning. Students must have a proper black or navy blue school coat.

Have a lovely weekend.

Best wishes,

**Dr Matthew Laban**  
Executive Principal

# Y9/Y10 VISIT TO MALAGA, SPAIN

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From Monday 4<sup>th</sup> - Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March, some year 9 and 10 students enjoyed a cultural visit to Andalusia in southern Spain. We visited the historical city of Córdoba where we learned about the Caliphate of Cordoba in the Mosque-Cathedral and we visited the best-preserved synagogue in Andalusia, one of only three left in Spain since the expulsion of the Jews in 1492. In Málaga, we climbed up to the Gibralfaro Castle and visited the Alcazaba of Málaga to see where the Moors resided during their reign; we experienced the remains of a Roman theatre and we saw the impact Picasso's art has had on modern artists in the 'Echo of Picasso' exhibit in the Picasso museum. There was also a bit of time to relax on the Malagueta beach, which obviously was also a fantastic photo opportunity on the famous sign!









# UNIVERSITY OF CAMBRIDGE VISIT

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Eight Lucky Year 10 students spent a day at the University of Cambridge. The students gained important information about applying to Oxbridge and the life of a student at an Oxbridge college. Students visited the college library and were fortunate enough to have lunch in the prestigious Gonville & Caius dining hall following in the footsteps of past scholars including Sir Stephen Hawkins.

The day concluded with a trip to the University's Museum of Zoology. An interesting walk around the museum concluded with a session from a current PhD student discussing ecology and his route into that field.

Students left feeling motivated and excited for what their futures might hold.



# BARCLAY KART TEAM - BKT

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The NATSKA National Kart Championship – 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2024 - Cambereley

Back on track for the Barclay Karting Team! The first race meeting of 2024 brought some major highs to the team; including three wins in three different classes and two podiums in one other class. We rallied together after a long winter break gaining numerous successes. Successes which we hope to continue throughout the season.

Our novices showed major improvement throughout the day. They have been working extremely hard to gain that final bit of race pace before they set foot in Class 11. They all dropped off nearly 10+ seconds throughout the entire day. Looking speedy already.



## Overall Results:

Class 11 NatSKA: Charlie Whiting (Y9) 1st & David Savill - Issa (Y9) ~ 3rd

Class 11 MSUK: Oliver Jeans (Y11) 1st & Joshua Harvey (Y11) 2nd

Class 15: Evan Handley (Y12) 1st

## Best laps from our novices:

Henri Storey (Class 11N MSUK) ~ Heat 4: 40.98s

Vlad Takacs (Class 11N NatSKA) ~ Heat 2: 42.60s

Jordan Searle (Class 11N NatSKA) ~ Heat 3: 48.10s

Ryan James (Class 11N NatSKA) ~ Heat 3: 46.64s



# YEAR 7 PGL RESIDENTIAL

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Last week we took over 150 Year 7's on a PGL residential trip. During this trip, the students had participated in various outdoor adventurous activities and more! This included climbing, archery, axe throwing and problem solving. The activities encouraged students to develop their skills such as communication, coordination, problem solving and leadership. They had also spent one of their nights having a silent disco. We are impressed with how well the students got on during the trip. We would like to thank you for supporting your child in attending the trip.

# SPORT

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**The Barclays Year 8 Boys Basketball** team faced Knights Templar in their second league fixture of the season. It was always going to be a tough game, and this certainly proved the case when Knights Templar raced to an 8-0 lead, with around 2 minutes gone! It certainly was not a case of Barclay playing badly, rather it was the high caliber of the opposition. However, led by Co-captain Owen, Barclay managed to calm down and remember some of the tactics we had rehearsed in training, with our passing and spacing being particularly strong. With Hulk and Ethan starting to score points, the early deficit was soon reduced, before taking the lead, with the first quarter ending 16-8 to Barclay.

The game continued to be a great contest between two really good teams. However, we managed to consistently play a high quality of basketball, with excellent passing, defending and shooting. This meant that the final score was Barclay 42 - Knights Templar 28!

Player of the Match goes to Jason, who showed excellent dribbling skills on offence, and took on great responsibility as a defender. However, all 10 players on the team contributed towards an astounding victory!

## **Barclay 1-0 Barnwell Football**

The Year 9 football team had progressed to the final of the District Cup after putting in a fantastic team performance against Barnwell. The team had to make some changes after some key players were unavailable. Congratulations to Joshua and Michael for impressing on their debuts. The team put in a strong performance in both ends of the pitch. Their efforts paid off midway through the second half.

Alfie R had produced an excellent finish in the box. The team was over the moon. The team had shown a lot of grit and determination to maintain control of the game. Well done to everyone involved! Ethan was awarded player of the match for putting in an outstanding performance. He had shown high levels of quality and athleticism to consistently deny the opposition and progress the ball. It was fantastic to see a range of students come and support their peers. Everyone at Barclay is so proud of the team!



# HEARTS HERO AWARDS

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Here at Barclay we are aware of the many challenges our young people face. We are very keen to recognize and support our young carers within our school community. We understand how challenging this can make attending school and succeeding academically. Mrs. Moore was pleased to nomination Taylor Pattison-Hale for the Heart Hero Young Carers Award and we are delighted to announce that Taylor won this award. He attended an awards ceremony at Sopwell House and received a certificate and trophy. Taylor is a young carer for his dad, is autistic and has suffered family bereavement and despite this attends school regularly. He has continued to succeed academically and be a positive and upbeat member of the school community. Congratulations to Taylor, he is very deserving of this recognition!

## STEVENAGE BUS SERVICE CONSULTATION

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Hertfordshire County Council is proposing:

1. **Improvements to the Lister Hospital bus stop area (part of the Council's wider Bus Service Improvement Plan).**

The proposed improvements include increasing bus capacity and new bus shelters, but, more specifically, we want feedback and suggestions for how we can improve the bus stop area, to create a more pleasant and accessible place.

Find out more: [www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/busimprovements](http://www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/busimprovements)

2. **Improvements to the High Street, Old Town Stevenage.**

We have developed our designs since our early engagement period in 2023. The proposed improvements include more crossing points and a new plaza area.

Find out more: [www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/activetravelfund](http://www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/activetravelfund)

Both consultations are open until the end of Sunday 17 March 2024.



# BARCLAY COMMUNITY

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This year, following on from our successful Christmas food collection, we at Barclay would again like to bring some cheer and joy to those less fortunate but this time in the form of Easter Eggs. The collection will run for 2 weeks between the 18-28<sup>th</sup> March. Either drop off egg/eggs at reception or send in your trustworthy student to deliver them.

## STUDENT OF THE WEEK

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Congratulations to the following students for being invited to Feast Friday with Dr Laban. The students were chosen at random from the Feast Friday weekly raffle. All students who have received a Student of the Week award are entered into the raffle.

### Year 7

Kristina L 7APO2  
Sienna D 7ATH1  
Tilly P 7HER2  
Ruby S 7ZEU1

### Year 8

Isla A 8ATH2  
Charlie S 8ZEU1  
Emma C 8HER1  
James H 8ZEU2

### Year 9

James Sp 9HER2  
Joe J 9ATH  
Lilly-May G 9ATH  
Kiera R 9ATH

### Year 10

Iris H 10APO1  
Carl M 10APO2  
Andrei G 10HER1  
Gina C 10ZEU

# PRE – LOVED UNIFORM SHOP

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Barclay Academy's Second Hand Uniform Shop opening time is Wednesday 1.30pm - 3pm

Please email [admin@barclay.futureacademies.org](mailto:admin@barclay.futureacademies.org) to check stock levels with the size, requirements and arrange an appointment, which will be on Wednesday between 1.30-3pm to collect. Anyone that would like to donate old reusable uniform please hand into Reception.

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

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**Monday 11<sup>th</sup> to Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March** – Year 12 Work Experience Week

**Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> March** – Year 10 Parents' Evening

**Monday 18<sup>th</sup> to Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> March** - Year 10 Work Experience Week

**Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> to Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> March** - Y11 Revision Retreat Residential

**Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> March** – Year 7 Parents' Evening

**Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March** – Last Day of Spring Term

**Monday 15<sup>th</sup> April** – Start of Summer Term

**Monday 27<sup>th</sup> to Friday 31<sup>st</sup> May** – Half Term

**Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> to Friday 28<sup>th</sup> June** – Year 12 Visit to Krakow, Poland

## ONLINE SAFETY COURSE FOR PARENTS

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Here is the link to the courses for parents.

<https://nationalcollege.com/courses/os-for-parents-carers-of-children-aged-11-14>

<https://nationalcollege.com/courses/os-for-parents-carers-of-children-aged-14-18>



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# QUIZ NIGHT

THE BARCLAY KART TEAM  
INVITE YOU TO JOIN THEM

AT BARCLAY ACADEMY

RAFFLE PRIZES

£5 PER PERSON

TEAMS OF  
8-10 PEOPLE

FRIDAY 22ND MARCH

7PM - 11.30PM

DOORS OPEN AT 6.30PM



TICKETS ON EVENTBRITE

# Tune i<sup>🎵</sup>to ASD

## Effective Partnership working with Schools Bespoke Training Course

**Wednesday 20th March**  
**7:30-9:30pm GMT**  
**Via Zoom**

### **This course aims to give participants:**

The psychology behind effective partnership working with schools.

Practical tips and guidance for working with schools to ensure a joined-up approach to supporting your child.

A chance to work through any current challenges.

Facilitated by our highly passionate and legendary consultant **Dr. Felicity Wallace** who combines her expertise as an Education Psychologist, Educator and parent to bring a wealth of knowledge and experience in this area.

**Cost: Fully Funded (Free)**

**This workshop is suitable for Parents and Carers**

**For bookings, please email [admin@tuneintoasd.com](mailto:admin@tuneintoasd.com)**

**[www.tuneintoasd.com](http://www.tuneintoasd.com)**

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# YOUTH MAYOR APPLICATIONS OPEN!!

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for 2024/25

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website to find out more and apply.

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**Stevenage**  
BOROUGH COUNCIL

# TRAIN TO TEACH Information Event

**The Highfield School, Letchworth  
Tuesday 26th March 2024 9:15am**

**Register here to attend our ITT  
recruitment event:**

**<https://bit.ly/Register26March>**

- **Meet representatives from local schools.**
- **Learn more about our flexible routes into Initial Teacher Training.**



**The Highfield  
School**



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# THE LISTER HOSPITAL NEONATAL UNIT GOLDEN MILE



**SUNDAY 5TH MAY 2024**



**THIS YEAR, AT THE HITCHIN 10KM, WE HAVE INTRODUCED  
THE BRAND NEW GOLDEN MILE RUN.  
AIMED PURELY FOR CHILDREN!  
TAKING PLACE ON SUNDAY 5TH MAY, 9:10AM\***

**FOR EVERY CHILD THAT TAKES PART, 100% OF THE ENTRY  
MONEY WILL GO DIRECT TO THE LISTER HOSPITAL NEONATAL  
UNIT, AS PART OF THEIR PROGRAMME TO UPDATE THE  
FACILITIES FOR THE PARENTS WHO NEED THEIR SERVICES.**



- **THERE ARE DIFFERENT AGE CATEGORIES!**
- **EVERY CHILD WILL HAVE A RACE BIB AND CHIP TIME!**
- **EVERY CHILD WILL GET A RACE MEDAL!**
- **TROPHIES FOR THE FASTEST GIRL AND BOY IN EACH AGE GROUP!**

**IF YOU WOULD LIKE MORE DETAILS, AND TO SIGN UP YOUR  
CHILD FOR THIS NEW RUN, PLEASE VISIT:**

**[WWW.BURNTHARE.COM](http://WWW.BURNTHARE.COM)**



**THE HITCHIN 10KM**



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